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Quick Facts

- Shalai Coakley and Willie Lyles III won the top two awards presented by the Division of Student Life.
- Both seniors are political science majors.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Political science majors **Shalai Coakley** and **Willie Lyles III** won the top awards presented by Winthrop University's Division of Student Life.

Coakley took the **Mary Mildred Sullivan Award**, while **Lyles** captured the **Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award** during a ceremony April 17 at **McBryde Hall**. The medallions are presented annually to graduating students who have given great service to Winthrop. **Coakley** of Mount Pleasant, S.C., was conference coordinator for the Model United Nations, studied abroad in France as the first recipient of the Iva Gibson Endowed Scholarship and volunteered for many projects, including voter registration. She plans to go into the Peace Corps next March to Africa.

Lyles of Blythewood, S.C., served as the chairman of the Council of Student Leaders and president of the Association of Ebonites. He initiated a number of new projects and is now considering several job offers.

Chris Rice and Kristina Kent, also political science majors, won the American Legion Awards. The awards are presented to outstanding graduating students who display exceptional courage, companionship, character, service and scholarship. Rice of Greenville, S.C., has worked on the issue of academic integrity for the Council of Student Leaders and the university's task force. He plans to attend Ball State University for graduate school. Kent of Rock Hill, is a journalism minor who volunteered for A Place for Hope, Open Arms Childcare, Amnesty International and hopes to go to graduate school in international politics.

The Holly Self Drummond Award for a female student who has a good academic record and a strong commitment to volunteerism went to Nicole Cardamone. The Casey, S.C., resident is a business major and a Close Scholar who has volunteered more than 800 hours with various social and youth agencies.

A new award, the Avenir Award established by the Avenir Foundation to highlight the importance of mentor relationships in higher education, was given to Meredith Reid. An elementary education major from Spartanburg, she is a Close Scholar who has volunteered at the Central Child Development Center and has its principal, Sylvia Echols, as her mentor.

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